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1. A plant for the production of atomic weapons has been established in the village of Sinarskaya (Kamensk) (56°25'N, 61°54'E). 120,000 political prisoners sentenced for 25 years or more are employed in shifts of 12 hours in the construction of the plant. One to two hundred deaths occur daily among the workers as a result of the bad working conditions and treatment. The factory is constructed 90 meters below the ground, and covers an underground area of 120 sq. km. (sic) A large building complex is being constructed over the center of the "atom city", consisting of hospitals, theaters, movie theaters, club houses and other buildings. This city is surrounded by a wall five meters high separating the inhabitants from the outside world.
2. All specialists and workers employed in the factory and laboratories are obliged to work here for the rest of their lives. The plant will not be in full operation before 1950. The research laboratory is at present under the direction of Prof. Knyazev.
3. The factory area is guarded by a triple watch. The MVD has various guard zones, each one 3 km wide and under separate control. A special pass is required for each zone. An electric subway runs through numerous tunnels in the "atom city".

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Comment: [redacted] may mean that the factory consists of a number of underground chambers which are contained within a 120 sq. km. area.

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